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2018 T.J. Lafeber Avian Practitioner of the Year

Robert (Bob) Doneley

When nominations closed for the 2018 T.J. Lafeber Avian Practitioner of the Year, a list of 45 outstanding avian veterinarians had been submitted for consideration. The independent Selection Committee narrowed the list to six finalists and the Award recipient, Dr. Bob Doneley, was announced during the Opening Session at ExoticsCon 2018.
Robert Doneley, BVSc, FANZCVS is an Associate Professor and Head of the Avian and Exotic Pet Service at The University of Queensland, School of Veterinary Science, Australia

Did You Know?

- The Awardee is NOT, and has never been, selected by Lafeber Company
- The autonomous Selection Committee, consisting of Association of Avian Veterinarians members, was led by Dr. Tom Tully, Professor and Chief of the Zoological Medicine Service at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine

About T.J. Lafeber

Dr. T.J. Lafeber was recognized as a pioneer in companion bird medicine and the human-companion bird bond. His concern for the health and welfare of his avian patients led him to develop medical treatments, diagnostic techniques, and nutritionally balanced foods. Dr. Lafeber’s lectures were infused with his caring demeanor and enthusiasm, inspiring students and veterinarians alike to advance the fledgling field of companion bird medicine. The Caring Hands Award statue (shown above) is a bronze cast of Dr. Lafeber’s hands and his most beloved avian patient, the budgerigar parakeet.